

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO—6)

Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Delta Regional Development Program—\$400,000 for the Chouteau Parkway Conceptual Design in Kansas City, Missouri (City of Kansas City, 4600 E. 63rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64130)

The two-mile section of Chouteau Trafficway between Missouri Route 210 and Interstate I—35 is a vital roadway link in the roadway network between the Kansas City, MO northlands link. Kansas City is beginning design plans for improving and converting the two-lane collector to divided parkway. Federal funds will be used for the planning and conceptual design features, including alternative alignment and widening for the new parkway. Other technical considerations to be included will be drainage improvements; roadway lighting; signing/markings; traffic analysis; utility coordination; and “green” storm water solutions.

Congressman SAM GRAVES (MO—6)

Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Program—789,000 for U.S. 59/Alabama Grade Separation Project in St. Joseph, MO (City of St. Joseph's Public Works Department, 1100 Federick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64501)

This project relieves an existing safety problem at the intersection of Alabama, U.S. 59, and several other local streets. Alabama itself is also one of the principal routes to the Stockyards Industrial Area, a residential area, and Lake Contrary Elementary School. Because this roadway is crossed by a very busy double-track line used by the BNSF and UP, the roadway is closed often and for extended periods of time. When it is closed, the nearest alternative access has to detour several miles to either the north or south. As a matter of public safety, major employment centers and an elementary school are isolated from critical emergency services support. Working with Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT), the solution designed to address the isolated area is to create an alternative to the at-grade crossing. The solution involves the design and construction of a bridge (with pedestrian access), top span the tracks which will provide full and open access at all times. Federal funds will be utilized to implement this project critical to my constituent's safety and security.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2010, H.R. 3293.

For the project titled “Community Learning Center, Inc., Fort Worth, TX for a job training initiative” in H.R. 3293, Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES) account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is the Community Learning Center, 6300 Ridglea Place, Suite 600, Fort Worth, TX 76116. It is my understanding that the \$500,000 in the bill for this project will be used to purchase equipment needed to offer more training to people with disabilities, dislocated and incumbent workers, poor and excluded job seekers, youth offenders, TANF recipients, and people with low basic skills and limited English proficiency. The Community Learning Center provides model educational, training, and employment services designed to lead to better jobs and careers for Texans who need and want them the most. Community Learning Center will provide any required matching funds.

For the project titled “Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX for a summer college preparatory program” in H.R. 3293, Department of Education Elementary & Secondary Education Account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Southwestern University, 1001 East University Ave., Georgetown, TX 79626. It is my understanding that the \$443,000 in the bill will be used to enroll first generation, low-income students in a summer college preparation program that allows the students to participate in a faculty-supervised laboratory or field research project. Funds will also be used for teacher training as well as to allow Southwestern students and faculty to participate in summer lab and research projects with high school students and teachers. Southwestern University will provide any required matching funds.

For the project titled “Texas AgriLife Extension Service, College Station, TX for a youth obesity prevention initiative” in H.R. 3293, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 1500 Research Parkway, Suite 150, 2259 TAMU, College Station, TX 77845-2259. It is my understanding that the \$300,000 in the bill will be used to develop a pilot program in the Fort Worth Independent School District to develop, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive education, research, and outreach program to promote healthy weight. Partners for this project include: United Way FitFuture,

Fort Worth Independent School District, City of Fort Worth, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The multidisciplinary, community-based approach will build on the strengths of families and communities to achieve this goal. Texas AgriLife will provide a 50 percent match for project funds.

For the project titled “Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Ft. Worth, TX for facilities and equipment” in H.R. 3293, Department of Health and Human Services HRSA—Health Facilities and Services account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, 1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76104. It is my understanding that the \$300,000 in the bill will be used for the renovation and construction of a 16-bed palliative care unit. Palliative care is healthcare that specializes in the relief of suffering and the achievement of best possible quality of life for patients with advanced illness and their families. It is offered simultaneously with all other appropriate medical treatment. Texas Health Resources will contribute \$2.3 million toward this project, and to date, community contributions total nearly \$840,000.

For the project titled “Texas Wesleyan University, Ft. Worth, TX for facilities and equipment” in H.R. 3293, Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Texas Wesleyan University, 1201 Wesleyan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76105. It is my understanding that the \$650,000 in the bill will be used for equipment costs to support the new on-line Doctorate program in Nurse Anesthesia Practice. Specifically, funding will be used to upgrade the network and enhance current audio/visual technologies for curriculum development and deployment to support instructional needs for the new distance learning doctoral program. This funding will allow Texas Wesleyan to provide doctorate level on-line training in nurse anesthesia to the nursing professionals in rural and underserved communities. Texas Wesleyan has dedicated more than \$506,000 toward this project.

For the project titled “Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Ft. Worth, TX to enhance collections” in H.R. 3293, Institute of Museum & Library Services—Museums & Libraries Account, the legal name and address of the requesting entity is Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Inc., 500 East 4th Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. It is my understanding that the \$500,000 in the bill will be used to purchase equipment such as new archival metal herbarium cabinets for a new facility. The new equipment will allow for a more publicly-accessible facility that will allow maximum use of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) Herbarium and Library, which are the largest such scientific collections of any independent institution in the southern U.S., with over one million specimens of plants and nearly 100,000 volumes of books and journals. BRIT has raised over \$42 million for this project.

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KOREAN WAR VETERANS
RECOGNITION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I proudly rise in strong support of H.R. 2632, legislation that adds National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27, to the list of days on which the flag of the United States should be displayed. I am particularly proud to have joined my colleague from New York, Mr. RANGEL, who served with great distinction and valor in the Korean War, in being an original cosponsor of this bill.

The Korean War was a major battlefield in the Cold War as American forces and our allies fought so heroically to resist North Korean aggression and prevent communist forces from imposing their rule on the Republic of Korea.

Nearly seven million Americans served during the Korean War period and this legislation offers a fitting tribute to honor their contributions and sacrifices. And there were many. The United States suffered 54,246 casualties and over 8,000 POW/MIAs during this "Forgotten War." H.R. 2632 properly recognizes their efforts and ensures that American courage and resolve in Korea will never be forgotten by authorizing the U.S. flag to be flown at half-staff on July 27.

I urge adoption of the legislation.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3170) making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 3170, the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

I am especially supportive of Congressman STEVEN LATOURETTE's amendment to restrict funding to GM and Chrysler if the auto companies follow through with their plans to close dealerships, and I thank Chairman DAVID OBEY of the Appropriations Committee as well as Majority Leader HOYER for their efforts to protect the LaTourette amendment.

The crisis in the automobile industry has devastated Ohio and my district. Statewide, it is estimated that the bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler, with the accompanying dealership closings, will cost up to 8,000 jobs and approximately \$300 million in state income tax revenue. Moreover, the state could lose an additional \$250 million in sales tax revenue.

I cannot stand by arbitrary and capricious decisionmaking that will destroy the communities in my district. Hundreds of employees of

other industries inextricably linked to auto dealerships will also lose their jobs, and the cascade of destruction through the local economy will continue.

We must not let this happen.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF
JOHN WILLIAM HEISMAN TO
FOOTBALL

SPEECH OF

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 123, recognizing the historical and national significance of the many contributions of John William Heisman to the sport of football.

John Heisman was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1869 and was raised in Titusville, Pennsylvania where he began playing football as a young boy. At that time, football was not played as it is today, but instead it resembled more of a rugby match. In 1887, Heisman left his home town for Brown University, where he participated in club football with his classmates. However, two years later he transferred to the University of Pennsylvania to pursue a law degree. Even though Heisman was outsize at 5'8", he continued his collegiate career playing varsity football for three years at guard, tackle, center, and as an end.

John Heisman was nearly debilitated from being struck by lightning and in turn had to take his final exams at the University of Pennsylvania orally to achieve his law degree in 1892. From there, he received his first coaching position at Oberlin College, where he led the team to an undefeated season in its second full season at the school. Clearly, Heisman had found a niche in coaching football, and his illustrious career was just beginning.

His coaching career continued with stints at the University of Akron, Auburn University, Clemson University, the University of Pennsylvania, Washington and Jefferson College, and Rice University. However, while his coaching career extended from 1892–1927, his most memorable years were from 1904–1919 when he coached at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA. At Georgia Tech, Heisman had an astounding record of 102–29–6, and even held three undefeated seasons with 33 straight wins. Heisman went on to retire from the game he loved and so heavily influenced in 1927 at the age of 62. Even though Georgia Tech is my own alma mater, I think that every football player, coach, and fan will recognize that Heisman's record of achievement deserves our praise.

John Heisman's retirement did not last long as he moved to New York and found time to write about his experiences and served in various advisory positions. Because of his influence on the athletic community there he was asked to serve as the first Athletic Director of the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City on May 23, 1930. While serving in this capacity, Heisman organized and founded the Touchdown Club of New York, and later the National Football Coaches Association.

The Downtown Athletic Club insisted that Heisman design a voting system to honor and

award the best collegiate football player of each year. Because of his humble love and respect for the game of football, he initially did not want to design such a system due to his misgivings about promoting a player over the importance of teamwork. However, he later noted that it would be a consummate team accomplishment to have such an award for one of its players. The first Downtown Athletic Club Award was given to Jay Berwanger in 1935, but John Heisman would be unable to award this distinguished honor to another young man in 1936 as he contracted pneumonia and passed away later that year. Shortly thereafter, the Downtown Athletic Club renamed their renowned trophy after its founder, calling it the Heisman Memorial Trophy.

Mr. Speaker, John Heisman has had a lasting impact on the game of football, and he undoubtedly inspires young men each year. The Heisman Trophy Award is the most sought after accolade in college football, and those who have honorably achieved that distinction will forever remember the accomplishments of the man that bears its name. Heisman molded the game of football to include the "hike" from a center to a quarterback, and he claimed his most notable achievement was enacting the forward pass into the rules of the game; both of which are staples of today's sport of football. I applaud John Heisman and recognize his lifetime of service and accomplishment in the game of football.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH YVONNE
WILLOUGHBY POOLE**HON. CORRINE BROWN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida. Madam Speaker, this communication is forwarded on behalf of the constituents of Congressional District Three and myself as we pay tribute to the life of Ruth Yvonne Willoughby Poole. We are all saddened that Yvonne is gone, but joyful that she has gone to be with her Heavenly Father.

On this occasion, we join with the immediate family and loved ones in saying farewell and praising God for her life. Yvonne's tremendous character and accomplishments earned her the respect of her family, friends, and community. Yvonne was a role model for so many young people, founding her own real estate brokerage at the age of 29. Her trailblazing in this industry was truly inspirational and paved the way for so many others to succeed. As you experience this tremendous loss, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family, especially Yvonne's son, R. Donahue Peebles Jr., and Yvonne's grandchildren, R. Donahue Peebles III and Chloe Alexandra Peebles.

We are happy to stand with everyone recognizing Yvonne's life on July 27 at 11 a.m. in The Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. There is an emptiness that only those who have lost a close relative can understand. May the sympathy of those who care make the sorrow of your heart less difficult to bear. Along with all residents of Congressional District Three, I extend my best

wishes to you and your family in these difficult times. I hope you will never hesitate to call on me or my staff if we may be of service in the future.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN AND CONNIE
VERMEULEN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a couple from my congressional district who have spent their lives giving back to their community in Orange County, California. Brian and Connie Vermeulen are dedicated public servants, fully committed to improving the quality of life in the City of San Juan Capistrano for both neighbors and visitors. I was happy to learn that their selfless commitment to the values, ideals and traditions that this country was founded upon has earned them recognition from the San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce as Man and Woman of the Year.

Brian and Connie both moved with their families to the Capistrano Valley in the early 1960s. They also both attended the parish grammar school and have remained members of the San Juan Mission parish ever since. Over the years, while busy running a business and raising children and grandchildren, they have never missed an opportunity to get involved with the community.

Together, Brian and Connie have become champions for a number of cherished local organizations, such as the Boys and Girls Club and the Fiesta Association. They have logged countless hours as yearly volunteers for the San Juan Historical Society and the Capistrano 4-H Rangers. Aside from their joint ventures, the Vermeulens also pursue their passions individually. Brian volunteers his time and talent as a Little League Coach and Connie is involved with religious education programs at the Mission parish.

The Vermeulens are the kind of citizens that this country can be proud of; humble and hardworking, they truly represent the heart of America. I want to thank Brian and Connie Vermeulen not just for their tremendous sacrifice and remarkable accomplishment, but for providing us all with a glowing example of what it means to be an American.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I, KAY GRANGER, submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Department of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

For the project titled "Henderson Street Bridge Construction at the Trinity River, City of Fort Worth, TX," which received \$1.35 million in H.R. 3288, Surface Transportation Priorities,

the legal name and address of the receiving entity is the City of Fort Worth, Texas, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The City of Fort Worth, Texas, will use this funding for the design, engineering and construction of SH 199 (Henderson Street) through the Trinity Uptown area of the Trinity River Vision. The aging levee system is no longer adequate to provide protection for an area adjacent to downtown Fort Worth that is undergoing revitalization. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends in the final Environmental Impact Statement an integrated, comprehensive solution for flood control in this area to include transportation, environmental restoration and community redevelopment components in constructing a 1.5 mile flood-control bypass channel. Local cost share is \$23.5 million.

For the project titled "Alliance Airport Runway Extension Program, TX," which received \$750,000 in H.R. 3288, Airport Improvement Program, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is Alliance Air Services, City of Fort Worth, TX, 2221 Alliance Boulevard, Suite 100, Fort Worth, TX 76177. Funds will be used to extend the existing main runway. The extension project includes lengthening the runway by 1,400 feet to 11,000 feet and includes extension of taxiways, relocation of FM Road 156, relocation of BNSF main line, and extension of Eagle Parkway, at a total cost of \$212 million. Local match is \$50 to \$60 million.

For the project titled "CNG Bus Replacement," The Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Fort Worth, TX, which received \$750,000 in H.R. 3288, Buses and Bus Facilities, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, 1600 E. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76102. These funds will continue the replacement of the T's aging bus fleet and pay for the cost of replacing buses. When the total project is completed, the fleet will be 100 percent wheel chair accessible and complete with security cameras for driver and passenger safety. Local cost match is 20 percent.

For the project titled "Interstate-20 Interchanges, Parker County, TX," which received \$500,000 in H.R. 3288, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is Parker County, TX, One Courthouse Square, Weatherford, TX 76086. Parker County, TX, approved an \$80 million transportation bond program that would improve its roadway systems, decrease congestion and provide additional capacity for the heavy truck traffic. This project would upgrade two IH-20 interchanges: the Western Loop and the FM 1187 interchanges. The amount requested will be utilized for environmental studies involved with the planning and design, engineering design, surveys, geotechnical studies for the bridge structure, and right-of-way acquisition for the two IH-20 interchanges at FM 1187 and at the Western Loop. This bond program was approved in November 2008 with a 64 percent approval. In the lead up to the vote, Parker County created a public website on the package, held at least 12 public outreach meetings. Parker County is working with the Federal Highway Administration, TXDOT and the local regional transportation council.

For the project titled "Fort Worth Transportation Authority Southwest-to-Northeast Rail Corridor, TX," which received \$4 million in

H.R. 3288, Capital Improvement Grants, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is Fort Worth Transportation Authority, 1600 E. Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The Fort Worth Transportation Authority has developed plans for a rail line across Tarrant County. This project is a 37-mile commuter rail project linking Southwest Fort Worth with downtown (with interface to existing Trinity Rail Express), northeast Tarrant County, and D/FW International Airport. This project would create a western light rail loop into the metroplex's major airport, and complement an eastern rail loop being developed by DART. The draft environmental impact statement was recently completed, and it is in the engineering level range. The local and state match is 50 percent through the T's dedicated sales tax funds as well as other municipal sales tax funds. Federal CMAQ funds have also been used for a portion of this project.

For the project titled "Trinity River Vision Land Acquisition," which received \$500,000 in H.R. 3288, Economic Development Initiative, the legal name and address of the receiving entity is the City of Fort Worth, Texas, 1000 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102. The aging levee system is no longer adequate to provide protection for an area adjacent to downtown Fort Worth that is undergoing revitalization. The Army Corps of Engineers recommends in the final Environmental Impact Statement an integrated, comprehensive solution for flood control in this area to include transportation, environmental restoration and community redevelopment components in constructing a 1.5 mile flood-control bypass channel. These funds will be used for property acquisition for land that will be needed to construct the bypass channel and bridges over the Trinity River. Local cost share is \$15 million.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
COMMANDER MARK MESERVEY
OF THE UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the accomplishments and contributions of Commander Mark Meservy of the United States Coast Guard for his professional and credible service to the United States Congress.

A native of Chatham, Massachusetts, Commander Meservy has served as Director of the Coast Guard's House of Representatives Liaison Office with distinction since July 2006. In this capacity, he worked directly with Member offices resolving hundreds of constituent issues as well as with the Coast Guard's appropriations and authorizing committees to ensure the Service received the necessary resources and legislative authorities to effectively execute its eleven congressionally-man-dated missions. CDR Meservy's precise attention to detail, tested operational experience as a military aviator, and selfless dedication to the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. House of Representatives made him an invaluable asset to both Members and Staff. I personally came to

rely on his professionalism and responsiveness.

Upon graduation from Chatham High School in Massachusetts, Commander Meservey attended Norwich University as an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps scholar, graduating magna cum laude and with a commission as an Army Aviation officer in 1985. He completed flight training at Fort Rucker, AL in 1986 and served as a Black Hawk helicopter pilot through the last days of the Cold War in Cyprus and Germany. Assignments included serving as a Flight Platoon Leader, aviation Company Executive Officer, and United States Embassy Liaison Officer to a classified State Department mission. While in Europe, he deployed to Ethiopia to participate in an internationally sensitive search and rescue operation for the late Congressman Mickey Leland and planned Return of Forces to Germany 1990 for an aviation battalion. For his efforts working with the U.S. Air Force in Ethiopia, he was personally decorated by the Army's Chief of Staff, General Carl Vuono. Upon his return to the United States, he graduated from the U.S. Army's Aviation Officer Advanced Course as an Honor Graduate.

In 1990, Commander Meservey accepted a direct commission in the U.S. Coast Guard as a Lieutenant Junior Grade and initially served at Air Station Clearwater, FL as an HH-3F and HH-60J search and rescue pilot and flew in support of Operation Bahamas and Turks and Caicos, working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Department of Defense, and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas Drug Enforcement Unit to stem the flow of illegal drugs entering the United States through the Caribbean.

In 1994, he transferred to Air Station Cape Cod and served as an HH-60J Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner. While serving as the unit's Public Affairs officer, he earned back-to-back CDR Jim Simpson awards for excellence in media relations. He participated in numerous hazardous weather search and rescue operations and planned and provided air security for Constitution Sail 200, the USS CONSTITUTION's first sail alone in over 116 years.

In 1998, he attended Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs as a full graduate scholar, earning a Master of Public Administration degree. Following graduate school, Commander Meservey completed a two-year assignment with the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, DC in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation as the lead budget analyst for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) responsible for developing and justifying FTA's multi-billion dollar budgets to the President's Office of Management and Budget and the United States Congress.

Commander Meservey returned to Coast Guard aviation in 2001, serving as Deputy Executive Officer and Gulfstream I fixed wing VIP and logistics pilot at Air Station Miami, one of the Coast Guard's largest aviation units. In 2004, he transferred to Air Station Washington where he served as Executive Officer flying the C-37A Gulfstream V executive jet across the globe for Department of Homeland Security Secretaries Ridge and Chertoff and Coast Guard Commandants Collins and Allen. In this assignment, he gained additional international experience working closely with the State Department and foreign militaries and governments ranging from Malaysia to the United Kingdom.

He's recently completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's prestigious Seminar XXI, a year-long Washington, DC-based program in foreign politics and international relations.

Commander Meservey has earned numerous military decorations thus far in his twenty-four years of active duty service, including Naval and Army Aviator Wings, the two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation, and a variety of other personal, team and unit commendations.

This week, Commander Meservey will leave his post on the Hill to assume a newly created position as liaison to the Federal Aviation Administration's Unmanned Aircraft Program Office where he will serve as the Coast Guard's voice on all matters relating to unmanned aerial systems in particular and aviation in general.

I am honored to pay tribute to Commander Meservey in the United States Congress, and on behalf of the Representatives and staff who have been fortunate enough to work with him over the past three years. I wish him, his wife Kathleen, and his three children, Nicole, Maura and Seth, the best in their future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Howell

Address of Requesting Entity: Michigan Department of Transportation, 425 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to purchase the right of ways necessary to complete the construction of an interchange and overpass at the interchange of Interstate 96 and Laston Road. The purpose of this project is to provide the eastern and western sides of Livingston County access to the major interstate of I-96 and the remainder of Livingston County. 40 percent of this funding will be used to purchase the right of ways and 60 percent will be used for construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses & Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Capitol Area Transportation Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: Capitol Area Transportation Authority, 4615 Tranter Street, Lansing, Michigan, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for bus purchases, facility renovations, and planning studies. The purpose of this project is to continue to provide citizens of the greater Lansing area with jobs, a vital connection to employers, safe equipment for transportation, and planning studies that may lead to future advanced public transportation projects. 80 percent of the funds will be used to replace old, less-efficient busses with buses that offer greater fuel efficiency, lower cost of maintenance, and omit fewer emissions and 20 percent of the funds will be used to conduct a study to find more efficient, improved public transportation alternatives.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (MI-08)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cleary University—Livingston Campus

Address of Requesting Entity: Cleary University, 3750 Cleary Drive, Howell, Michigan, USA

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 to renovate the Livingston Campus Community Center. This facility is used by the community service agencies, local school districts, and government agencies providing services to low and moderate income individuals. 80 percent of these funds will be used for necessary renovations and upgrades, and 20 percent will be used to enhance energy efficiency.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS J. ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. ROONEY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

One request was funded in this bill and is a previously Congressionally authorized project.

\$800,000: State Road (SR) 80, Hendry County, Florida. The entity to receive the funds for the project is Hendry County, Florida located at Courthouse Square, 165 S. Lee Street, La Belle, Florida 33975. SAFETEA-LU, Item 1487 authorized the widening of SR 80 in Hendry County, Florida. SR 80 serves as a major route for the movement of freight and agriculture products throughout the county, as well as a connector between Florida's east and west coast counties. It is the nearest cross-state highway north of I-75, extending from eastern Palm Beach County to Fort Myers on Florida's west coast. Funds will be used to further widen the road from two lanes to four.

All of my projects are Congressionally authorized and go only to public government agencies.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida.
Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: TCSP

Name of Requesting Entity: City of Doral

Address of Requesting Entity: 8300 NW 53rd Street, Suite 100, Doral, FL 33166

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 for the City of Doral Street Improvements. This funding will be used for the resurfacing of two current streets and the construction of six new streets within the City of Doral. It is the City of Doral's intention to provide its residents and visitors with the safest and most convenient transportation within its limits. The completion of these small sections of roadway would complete the City's grid pattern and provide additional options for increasing traffic to avoid already congested intersections. This project will help to alleviate traffic congestion and improve driver and pedestrian safety. Additionally, this project is estimated to create over 300 jobs in the area.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Buses & and Bus Facilities

Name of Requesting Entity: City of Doral

Address of Requesting Entity: 8300 NW 53rd Street, Suite 100, Doral, FL 33166

Description of Request: I have secured \$350,000 for the City of Doral Transit Circular. This funding will be used for further implementation and expansion of its Transit Circulator Program. The City of Doral is a municipality incorporated in 2003 which is located in west-central Miami-Dade County, directly west of the Miami-Dade International Airport (MIA). Approximately 40,000 people live in Doral and over 100,000 more travel to and through the City each day for employment and business activities. Due to its proximity to the urban core of Miami-Dade and major transportation facilities, as well as the rapid development of its component communities, Doral contends with a unique array of transportation concerns that require immediate and significant attention. The City of Doral launched the Transit Circulator Program in early 2008. The goals were to alleviate traffic congestion and reduce pollutant emissions by removing vehicles from the roadways. Additionally, the Doral Transit Circulator serves residents who are outside of the routes operated by Miami-Dade County's transit system (North of 41 Street and west of 97 Avenue). Since its introduction, the Transit Circulator Program has been extremely successful. Its usage and demand are far greater than were originally expected. The City of Doral is now looking to expand the routes of the Circulator and provide greater services to the residents of Doral via the purchasing of two new trolleys. This will further the City's goal of bringing convenient, safe, and environmentally-friendly transportation to its residents. The federally-funded portion of the project is estimated to create four new jobs within the City of Doral. The City of Doral embarked upon this program to bring public transpor-

tation to the City for a number of reasons. The most socially-conscious of these reasons are to reduce traffic congestion and reduce pollutant emissions. The City also wants to make sure that there are alternatives for transportation available to residents, since the County Transit system does not service much of Doral—the area north of 41st Street and west of 97th Avenue.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: TCSP

Name of Requesting Entity: Collier County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 3301 E. Tamiami Trail Naples, FL 34112

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the Interstate 75/Everglades Blvd. Interchange. This funding will be used for the design of a proposed interchange at or around Interstate 75 and Everglades Boulevard. Much of Collier County's current growth is occurring in an area known as Golden Gate Estates, one of the largest platted subdivisions of its kind in the world. This area is roughly the size of Washington, D.C. and is adjacent to the Big Cypress development which is anticipated to add another 23,000 dwelling units to the area. The only east-west routes between the eastern Estates and Naples area activity/employment centers are Golden Gate Boulevard and Immokalee Road and while the western portion of the Estates and Golden Gate City proper have access to interchanges at Immokalee Road, Pine Ridge Road, State Road 951 (Collier Boulevard) and Golden Gate Parkway, residents of the eastern portion of the Estates have no access to Interstate 75. Also, the lack of an interchange at Everglades Boulevard forces additional traffic onto already congested portions of Interstate 75, affecting not only local but inter-regional traffic on the Interstate. The lack of access to the Estates also creates safety problems, particularly in the event that its residents must be evacuated during hurricane or wildfire season. As Collier County's population expands from the nearly 330,000 residents today to a projected 1,066,000 at buildout, this situation will worsen. The current IJR and PD&E Study will evaluate the amount of traffic that would use a new interchange at Everglades Boulevard and the impact that it will have on adjacent interchanges and the Interstate's mainline operations. In order to ensure that there will be minimal to no environmental impacts associated with this project particular attention will be paid to the need for wildlife crossings or other such mitigation measures. An interchange at Everglades Boulevard and I-75 is an identified need in the MPO's Cost Feasible and Needs Plan and is the highest priority with the residents of Golden Gate Estates. Funds will be used for the next appropriate phase which may include design, right of way, mitigation of construction, depending on the availability of potential state and local funds that may expedite the project. The project will provide better access for an area that covers more than 100 square miles while improving interchange operations at three (3) existing overburdened interchanges. Additionally, the interchange would provide critical access to a route for safe evacuations from storms and fires as significant growth continues in eastern Collier County.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: New Starts/ Fixed Guideway

Name of Requesting Entity: Miami-Dade County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 NW 1st St., Suite 1032, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,000,000 for the Metrorail Orange Line Expansion. This funding will be used for the construction of a 9.2-mile Metrorail extension along NW 27th Avenue between the existing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Metrorail station and the Broward County line. The Department is also undertaking the implementation of the alternative analysis for Phase 3 of the Miami-Dade County East-West Corridor Rapid Transit Project. This 10-13-mile Metrorail project will extend from the Miami Intermodal Center to Florida International University and points west. This expansion will allow for more options for commuting and travel around Miami-Dade County. Additionally, this will take vehicles off the road in the County, allowing for increased public transit, which is more environmentally-friendly. The target population includes those who live along the areas of the expansion both NW 27th Avenue, as well as from the Miami Intermodal Center to Florida International University, who could utilize the expanded Metrorail service for commuting/traveling throughout Miami-Dade County. The North Corridor provides transportation access to the City of Opa-locka and the City of Miami Gardens. Additionally, the corridor will provide access to Miami-Dade College, Florida Memorial University and St. Thomas University as well as major employment and activity centers including Dolphin Stadium and Calder Race Course. The East-West Corridor will provide transit access to the City of Miami, the City of Sweetwater and the City of Doral. Additionally, the corridor will provide access to Florida International University as well as major employment and activity centers including Miami International Airport, Dolphin Mall, Miami International Mall, Mall of the Americas and Waterford at Blue Lagoon Corporate Park.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: FL—Federal Lands (Public Lands Highways)

Name of Requesting Entity: Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 440021, Tamiami Station, Miami, FL 33144

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,750,000 for the Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) Safety Improvements. This funding will be used to create east and west turn lanes on Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) into the Miccosukee Tribe's Headquarter at Mile Marker 68 and 70. The funds will be used for the clearing & grubbing, excavation, embankment, asphalt, guardrails and traffic stripes needed to create the turn lanes and widen the Tamiami Trail entrance. This project would address significant safety concerns associated with turning into the Miccosukee Tribe Headquarters from Tamiami Trail, U.S. 41, on the Miccosukee Reservation. These entrances lead to housing for all Tribal members as well as the School, Clinic, Court and all other government offices. Currently, the entrance is a two-lane highway where speed limits are reduced upon approach from 55 M.P.H. to 45 M.P.H., but pose serious risks to Tribal members and tourists who visit attractions. Many accidents have

been reported at this section of Tamiami Trail because of the deceleration needed to safely turn into the Headquarters, resulting in severe injuries and damage. The creation of the turn lanes from the east and west will significantly reduce the current danger of serious accidents.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: HR 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations, 2010

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Lexington, South Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: 111 Maiden Lane, Lexington, SC 29072

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the Town of Lexington. This will fund construction of improvements to the inter-sections along U.S. Route 378 (Columbia Avenue) at Route S-127 (Park Road), U.S. Route 1 (W. Main) and Route S-131 (W. Butler Street). The purpose of the project is to relieve congestion along this continually developing corridor as well as improve traffic flow. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOE WILSON

Bill Number: HR 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations, 2010

Account: Transportation and Community and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Town of Hardeeville, South Carolina

Address of Requesting Entity: 205 East Main Street, Hardeeville, SC 29927

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the Town of Hardeeville. Funding will construct a new 4 lane divided highway from U.S. 170 to Interstate 95 and provide alternative hurricane evacuation route. Includes new interchange on I-95 at Mile Marker 3. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Clinton

Address of Requesting Entity: 415 Gary Blvd., Clinton, Oklahoma 73601

Description of Request: I received \$400,000 for the City of Clinton to reconstruct Chapman Road. The location of this project is between sections 22 and 27 of T12N, R17W Custer County Oklahoma and west of Neptune Dr. and east of 28th St. in Clinton, OK. This funding will be used to improve Chapman Road to modern day standards so that it can better serve the citizens that use the road daily as well as provide a safer roadway to visitors. The improvements needed include the acquisition of seven feet of right-of-way, clearing ditch and channel drainage runoff areas, reconstructing a portion of the roadway adversely affected by storm water runoff, resurfacing the remaining portion to meet both current and future traffic demands, installing roadway lighting, and installing traffic control and directional signs.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK D. LUCAS

Bill Number: HR 3288

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Oklahoma Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Description of Request: I received \$400,000 for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to widen US 60 between Bartlesville and Pawhuska in Osage County, Oklahoma. The project will reconstruct the existing two lane US 60 to an adequate two lane facility with shoulders, adequate bridge load-bearing capacity, and corrected substandard geometric features (hills and curves) from the US/SH99 intersection north of Pawhuska eastward approximately 16 miles. Increased safety will result with the addition of adequate lane widths, shoulders, bridges and improved sight distances.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. BACHUS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding that I requested as part of the H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), FL—Federal lands (Public Lands Highways)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Bibb County Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 157 S W Davidson Drive, Centreville, AL 35042

Description of Request: Provide \$298,000 for the new Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge, where trails are under construction at present to several scenic overlooks on the bluffs over the Cahaba River. The parking at the trailhead currently consists of a small paved lot with space for 6 vehicles total, including handicap parking. The current entrance off Co. Rd. 24 is located in a location with poor sight distance. This project would add turn lanes, move the entrance to a safer location, and enlarge the parking lot to about one acre. The project designs will move the entrance to a new location which will double the sight distance, and add turn lanes for much enhanced safety. The project's total budget is \$298,000. Specifically within the budget, \$8,000 will go toward clearing and grubbing, \$28,000 for unclassified excavation, \$25,000 for borrow (fill), \$10,000 for roadbed processing, \$1,000 for machine grading shoulders, \$190,000 for plant mix paving, \$7,500 for traffic stripe and markings, \$2,000 for signs, \$2,000 for erosion control, \$1,500 for seeding and mulching and \$23,000 for mobilization. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), FL—Federal lands (Public Lands Highways) Account. The Bibb County Commission will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Springville

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 919, Springville, AL 35156

Description of Request: Provide \$500,000 to provide improvements to Main Street in Springville. The funding will be used for Site Preparation, Street Resurfacing, Construction of turn lanes and Engineering near Springville Elementary School and Springville Middle School. The drainage and traffic improvements in this area are critical to the safety of residents and particularly of children accessing Springville Elementary and Springville Middle School. The project's total budget is \$500,000. Specifically in the budget, \$50,000 will go towards site preparation, \$250,000 for street resurfacing, \$150,000 for turn lanes, and \$50,000 for engineering. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), TCSP—Transportation & Community & System Preservation Account. The City of Springville will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Gardendale

Address of Requesting Entity: 970 Main Street, Gardendale, AL 35071

Description of Request: Provide \$100,000 to provide for renovations and improvements to the Miracle Field, including parking improvements, lighting, sidewalks and walkways, accessibility, and landscaping. This project offers a unique recreational opportunity for mentally and physically challenged individuals. The project's total budget is \$250,000. Specifically within the budget, \$80,000 is for parking improvements, \$80,000 is for lighting, \$50,000 is for sidewalks and walkways, \$20,000 is for accessibility, and \$20,000 is for landscaping. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) Account. The City of Gardendale will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Irondale

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 100188, Irondale, AL 35210

Description of Request: Provide \$200,000 to provide renovation of historic downtown Irondale known as the Whistle Stop District. Improvements will concentrate on public infrastructure including sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping. The project will help stimulate economic development in the area, assisting in job creation and development of the downtown area. The project's total budget is \$275,000. Specifically within the budget, \$80,000 is for sidewalk renovation, \$50,000 is for a parking area, \$20,000 is for landscaping, \$90,000 is for lighting, and \$35,000 is for engineering. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) Account. The City of Irondale will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

Requesting Member: Congressman SPENCER BACHUS

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Tarrant

Address of Requesting Entity: 1604 Pinson Valley Parkway, Tarrant, AL 35217

Description of Request: Provide \$150,000 to for a streetscaping project for the Five Mile Creek Greenway through the historic downtown. The current funding request will provide for additional streetscaping to enhance the access to the Greenway trail. This project will allow for continued economic development and improve the Tarrant access to the Greenway trail, benefitting the people of Tarrant as well as those who visit. The project's total budget is \$150,000. Specifically within the

budget, \$70,000 is for lighting and electrical work, \$20,000 is for landscape items, \$10,000 is for benches, garbage depositories, and bike racks, and \$50,000 is for concrete work. This request is consistent with the intended and authorized purpose of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI) Account. The City of Tarrant will meet or exceed all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Awarded under: Department of Education Higher Education (includes FIPSE)

College Summit Program

College Summit West Virginia, 100L Faculty Circle, Dunbar, WV 25064

Funding would be granted to the College Summit, which creates and enhances post-secondary transition systems within low-income public school districts. College Summit seeks to ensure that every student has an adequate plan for a successful life after high school.

Awarded under: Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Senior Center Renovation

Roane County Committee on Aging, Inc., 811 Madison Avenue, Spencer, WV 25276

Funding will go towards structure renovation for senior center.

Awarded under: Department of Health & Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Patient Room Expansion

Hospital St. Francis Hospital, 333 Laidley St, Charleston, WV 25301

Funding will go towards a patient room expansion to meet increased need.

RECOGNIZING PATIENT SAFETY DAY

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Patient Safety Day, which will be observed across our country and around the world this weekend.

Every year, as many as 98,000 Americans die and thousands more are left seriously injured as the result of an avoidable medical error. These incidents are extremely costly to our society—in monetary terms, but more importantly in the devastating pain and suffering

that individuals and families experience in the wake of such a tragedy. As the wealthiest nation in the world, we can and must do more to ensure that our health care system promotes healing, prevents harm, and protects patients from dangerous medical errors.

Today, my thoughts and prayers are with John McCormack, a Massachusetts state trooper, loving father, and a constituent of mine. In 2000, John lost his precious 13-month-old daughter, Taylor, after doctors postponed emergency surgery to relieve pressure on her brain. Channeling his grief and anger, John seized the opportunity to advocate for medical malpractice reform at the state level to ensure that no family need experience a similar loss. In 2004, the Massachusetts legislature passed Taylor's Law, a measure safeguarding the ability for patients and their families to be present with an attorney and confront doctors at disciplinary hearings.

John fought admirably to turn his heart-breaking experience into a positive for our Commonwealth's families, but we must also ensure that meaningful steps are taken at the federal level to strengthen the safety of our health care system. Ten years ago, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) issued a seminal report, *To Err is Human*, which offered a forward-thinking, constructive set of recommendations toward that end. With health care reform front-and-center on Congress's agenda, now is the moment for us to draw on those ideas and to work together—as legislators, health care providers, patients, and consumer advocacy groups—to accomplish the goal of quality health care for every American.

Patient Safety Day, which has been celebrated for the past eight years on July 25, falls at an opportune time. There could be no better occasion for us to remember those whose lives have been lost or harmed due to preventable medical errors and to commend the physicians, nurses, and other medical providers who dedicate their lives to providing safe, quality, compassionate care to those in need. I encourage all Americans—at home, at work, or wherever they may be—to join hands and hearts in a moment of silence this Saturday at noon and 6 p.m. in their respective time zones in honor of Patient Safety Day. And I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in efforts to improve the quality and safety of our health care system.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 125 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701

Description of Request: I have secured \$400,000 in funding to help upgrade Loop 494 from Sorters McClellan Road through Northpark Drive in Kingwood, TX. The goal of the project is to widen the existing two-lane road into a four-lane concrete boulevard with medians, curbs and appropriate drainage similar to the look of existing streets in Kingwood. The project helps the flow of traffic on this busy road and increases safety.

Requesting Member: Congressman TED POE

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Texas Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 125 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701

Description of Request: I, along with Reps. GENE GREEN and RON PAUL, have secured \$400,000 in funding to help construct a flyover ramp connecting southbound Highway 146 traffic directly to Spur 330 in Baytown, TX, which is a direct connector to Interstate 10. This project will help with improved mobility in the community and is needed especially in disaster evacuations as a result of hurricanes.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Chatham Area Transit Bus and Bus Facilities

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: HR 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: FTA—Bus and Bus Facilities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chatham Area Transit

Address of Requesting Entity: 900 E. Gwinnett Street, PO Box 9118, Savannah GA, 31401

Description of Request: bus and bus facilities

Glynn County Airfield and Taxiway Improvements

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: HR 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: FAA—AIP
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Glynn County Airport Commission

Address of Requesting Entity: 295 Aviation Parkway Suite 205, Brunswick, Georgia 31525.

Description of Request: airfield drainage rehabilitation and general aviation taxiway expansion

North Berrien Industrial Park Infrastructure Improvements

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: HR 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: HUD—EDI

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: The Berrien County Economic Development Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 724, 201 North Jefferson, Nashville, Georgia 31639

Description of Request: The funding would be used for design and construction that includes installation of a new sewer system that will serve the new industrial park.

Ray City Street Scape and Safety Improvements

Requesting Member: Congressman JACK KINGSTON

Bill Number: HR 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: HUD—EDI

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Ray City, Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: 704 Main Street, Ray City, Georgia 31645.

Description of Request: The funds would be used for streetscape and safety improvements

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GREGG HARPER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. HARPER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288—Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: AIP—Airport Improvement Program

Project Name: Essential Air Field Infrastructure Improvements, Jackson-Evers International Airport

Recipient and Address: Jackson-Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39298

Amount: \$750,000

Description: Jackson-Evers International Airport is in need of essential airfield infrastructure improvements that involve rehabilitation and replacement of security systems and airfield erosion and drainage systems.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Delta Regional Transportation Development

Program Project Name: East Metropolitan Corridor

Recipient and Address: City of Flowood, P.O. Box 320069, Flowood, MS 39232

Amount: \$250,000

Description: Funds will be used to finish pre-construction activities. The East Metropolitan Corridor is 5 miles in length and links Interstate 20, at the Crossgates Interchange in Brandon, MS, with Lakeland Drive at its intersection with Old Fannin Road in Flowood, MS.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Project Name: City Center Renovation and Construction Project

Recipient and Address: City of Ridgeland, P.O. Box 217, Ridgeland, MS 39158

Amount: \$100,000

Description: Funds will be used to analyze, plan, and commence the conversion of an existing concrete plant site in the heart of Ridgeland into a new city complex and mixed use development. The City Center will be located near the intersection of U.S. Hwy 51 and the Natchez Trace Parkway.

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3288

Account: Economic Development Initiatives
Project Name: Pelahatchie Site Development for Economic Development Recipient and Address: Town of Pelahatchie, 705 Second Street, Pelahatchie, MS 39145

Amount: \$150,000

Description: The Town of Pelahatchie seeks funds to ready 450 acres for site development along the Interstate 20 corridor.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHARLES W. DENT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that are listed in H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010:

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010, Account: Federal Highway Administration, Surface Transportation Priorities, Title: Larry Holmes Drive Traffic Calming, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Easton, Address of Requesting Entity: 1 South Third Street, Easton, PA 18042, Description of Request: This funding will be used to improve the traffic flow and safety of a Delaware River waterfront gateway between Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The project will enhance access to one of the only remaining steel truss suspension bridges in the nation near the City of Easton's National Register Historic District. These modifications will reduce vehicular speeds and benefit local economic development by allowing disabled pedestrians and bicyclists to more easily access adjacent trails and parks, and the city's downtown area.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010, Account: Federal Transit Administration, Alternatives Analysis, Title: Lehigh Valley Bus Rapid Transit Analysis, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA), Address of Requesting Entity: 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103, Description of Request: This funding will be used to conduct an analysis of the feasibility and components of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) program along high density transit corridors within the Lehigh Valley by the

Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA). The investigation of BRT service is an outcome of a regional transit development planning process designed to establish a long term vision for regional transit, as well as short range development priorities. LANTA's service expansion effort will be focused, to a significant degree, on improving job accessibility. This is needed to support economic development and job growth within the Lehigh Valley, one of the fastest growing areas in the northeast region. This analysis is an essential part of a project development effort that could lead to a future comprehensive project.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010, Account: Federal Transit Administration, Buses & Bus Facilities, Title: Lehigh Valley Hybrid Transit Bus Purchase, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA), Address of Requesting Entity: 1060 Lehigh Street, Allentown, PA 18103, Description of Request: This funding will be used to support the purchase of heavy-duty, hybrid powered transit buses for the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA). The buses will replace vehicles purchased in 1998 in order to continue LANTA's expansion efforts. Service expansion over the last 10 years has been supported through a combination of timely bus fleet replacements and fleet expansions, resulting in an 80% increase in ridership, with 51% of those riders using the system to access jobs. An active service and equipment update program is necessary to support the demand to improve services in the growing Lehigh Valley region.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010, Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI), Title: Souderton Train Station and Freight Buildings Restoration, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Borough of Souderton, Address of Requesting Entity: 31 West Summit Street, Souderton, PA 18964, Description of Request: This funding will be used to renovate and restore the interior and exterior of the historic Souderton Train Station and two adjacent freight buildings by the Borough of Souderton. Souderton is one of at least seven communities with rail buildings built at the turn of the 20th century to accommodate freight and passenger service on the Quakertown-Stony Creek line. With an active effort being made to return passenger rail service to the existing line, which currently handles a large amount of freight traffic, these local facilities are being restored throughout the region. The buildings in Souderton reflect the history of communities that blossomed around rail lines and will serve as a warm welcome to residents using this line when passenger service is restored.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010, Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI), Title: New Bethany Ministries Building Rehabilitation, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Episcopal Ministries of the Diocese of Bethlehem, Address of Requesting Entity: 333 West 4th Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015, Description of Request: This funding will be used

to rehabilitate a building into a community asset where low-income, mentally disabled and homeless people will receive groceries, meals, financial case management, used clothing, and a variety of emergency walk-in services. The upper floor will be transformed into safe and secure single room occupancy units of case-managed housing for low-income mentally disabled or chronically homeless adults.

Bill Number: H.R. 3288, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY2010, Account: Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Economic Development Initiatives (EDI), Title: Sunnybrook Historic Revitalization, Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sunnybrook Foundation, Address of Requesting Entity: 50 Sunnybrook Road, Pottstown, PA 19464, Description of Request: This funding will be used for the preservation and revitalization of a historic ballroom, a National Historic Register site, which will be used by the community for seniors and youth programs. The funding will also advance the completion of a conference center and performing arts venue to bolster regional tourism. This project will benefit the greater Pottstown area by providing a modern facility for community activity and enhancing tourism in the region.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican Leadership standards, the following information is submitted regarding funding received in the first district of Texas as part of H.R. 3288—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Veterans Shuttle Service Project. The Brazos Transit District, 1759 N. Earl Rudder Freeway, Bryan, Texas 77803, \$300,000, Federal Transit Authority Buses and Bus Facilities account, to provide round-trip shuttle service for Veterans who need to go to the Veterans Administration (VA) Outpatient Clinic in Lufkin, Texas and/or to the VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas. This shuttle will provide many of our nation's ailing Veterans vital access to both medical facilities.

Angelina County Cassells-Boykin County Park Project. Angelina County, Texas, 606 East Lufkin Avenue, Lufkin, Texas 75902, \$500,000, Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative account, to make improvements and renovations to the Cassells-Boykin County Park on federal Lake Sam Rayburn in Angelina County. This project will finally make improvements necessary to make the federal investment in the lake more accessible and available.

Discovery Learning Center. Texas College, 2404 North Grand Avenue, Tyler, Texas 75702, \$250,000, Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative account, to establish a Discovery Learning Center to serve pre-school students and train teachers studying Early Childhood Education. The initiative will help fill the void of quality trained professionals in Early Childhood Education, while also elevating families' first-time

college attendees from poverty to the realm of the productive.

Texas State Technical College (TSTC) Marshall Transportation and Industrial Manufacturing Building. TSTC Marshall, 2650 East End Blvd. South, Marshall, Texas 75672, \$200,000, Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative account, for assistance with construction of a Transportation and Industrial Manufacturing Technology building, which would assist the community with a hands-on training facility for welding, computer-aided manufacturing, transportation technology, diesel equipment technology, small engine repair, light/medium duty truck and motorcycle driving school, and a truck driving school. This would be far more beneficial for our economy than paying unemployment benefits as it will train and retrain workers for available jobs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293 the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: FIPSE

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: St. Clair County Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 323 Erie St., Port Huron, MI 48061

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$100,000.00, would be used to further facilitate and develop curriculum for their Water Quality Technology Program.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Administration for Children and Families—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Eva's Place Domestic Violence Shelter

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 29, Sandusky, MI 48471

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$200,000.00, would be used for shelter funding and to further facilitate domestic violence shelter programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Administration for Children and Families—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Huron County Safe Place Domestic Violence Shelter

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 8, Bad Axe, MI 48316

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$150,000.00, would be used for

shelter funding and to further facilitate domestic violence shelter programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Administration for Children and Families—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Assault

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 356, Lapeer, MI 48446

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$200,000.00, would be used for shelter funding and to further facilitate domestic violence shelter programs.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3293, Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Administration for Children and Families—Social Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Safe Horizons Domestic Violence Shelter

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 610968, Port Huron, MI 48061

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$200,000.00, would be used for shelter funding and to further facilitate domestic violence shelter programs.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3288, Transportation, HUD and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the requests (1) are not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) are not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds. I certify that this project does not have a direct and foreseeable effect on the financial interests of my spouse or me.

South Orient Rail Line Rehabilitation in San Angelo, TX—The South Orient Rail line connects Ft. Worth, Texas, to the deep water port in Topolobampo, Mexico, on the Pacific Coast. This funding will be used to repair railroad

crossings that are found in poor or worse condition to improve rail safety, speed and allow the transport of new wind turbines and towers in San Angelo, TX. The project is of the highest priority to San Angelo and the city is ready and willing to contribute to the line for speed and safety and sees the potential in future commercial growth with new freight transit from the deep water port in Mexico and Chihuahua City. I am requesting funding in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701—Committee amount: \$1 million.

Concho Valley Multi-Modal Terminal in San Angelo, TX—The funding will be used for construction of a multi-modal terminal that will house customer service centers, administrative offices and development space for the Concho Valley Transit District. The Texas Department of Transportation has awarded a multi-year \$1.5 million grant to support future development and the project received. This project has been authorized by SAFETEA-LU. I am requesting funding in the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill in fiscal year 2010. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701—Committee amount: \$250,000.